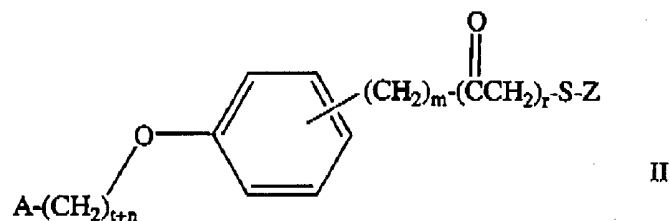## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:

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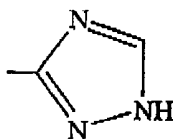wherein

n   is 1 or 2;

t   is 0 or 1;

m   is 0 and r is 1, or m is 1 and r is 0;

A   is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl

having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and

perfluoromethoxy; or

cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is

unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl; or

a 5 or 6 membered heteroaromatic ring having 1 or 2 ring heteroatoms selected from

N, S and O and the heteroaromatic ring is covalently bound to the remainder of the

compound of formula II by a ring carbon;

Z   is

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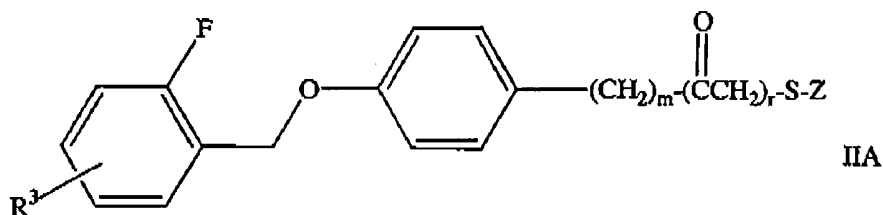R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms;

R^4 is hydrogen; $-NHCOOC(CH_3)_3$; $-NHCH_3$; or $-NHCH_2CH_3$;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

2.   The agent of claim 1, wherein A is cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or both of the ring carbons adjacent to the remainder of the compound of formula II are mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl.

3.   The agent of claim 1, wherein A is phenyl, unsubstituted or substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: fluoro, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy.

4.   The biologically active agent of claim 3, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:
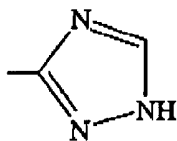

wherein

m   is 0 or 1;

r   is 0 or 1;

Z   is

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms;

R^4 is hydrogen; $-NHCOOC(CH_3)_3$; $-NHCH_3$; or $-NHCH_2CH_3$;

R^3 is hydrogen or halo;

or when R^1 is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

5.   The agent of claim 4, wherein R^1 is hydrogen or ethyl.

6.   The agent of claim 5, wherein the compound is 3-(2-(4-(2,6-difluorobenzyloxy)phenyl)-2-oxoethyl)thio-1H-1,2,4-triazole.